

# RED CROSS NEWSLETTER



## Silicon Valley Chapter Youth Services

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this month's issue

### IN A NUTSHELL

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- + Joke of the Month
- + Upcoming Events
- + Social Media
- + Community Art Project
- + Operation Care and Comfort
- + Red Cross Weekend Recap
- + Battle of the Bays Badges

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

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WHAT'S ORANGE  
AND SOUNDS LIKE A  
PARROT?

see pg. 10 for answer!

- + Creating a Volunteer Connection Account
- + VC Single Sign On
- + Join a Committee
- + Important Contacts

HAPPY NATIONAL RED CROSS MONTH!



# UPCOMING EVENTS\*

Mar. 11

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Mar. 12

SAFEKIDS

Mar. 18

DISASTER

Mar. 25

FUNDRAISING

Mar. 25

SAFEKIDS

**1-4PM @ RC Chapter: Health and Safety Class**

BATTLE OF THE BAYS

This class is open to all volunteers.

**9AM-2PM @ RC Chapter: Safekids CPR Class**

BATTLE OF THE BAYS

Must have at least 10 volunteer hours to attend!

**12-3:30PM @ RC Chapter: Disaster Simulation**

BATTLE OF THE BAYS

Learn about health, safety, and disaster preparedness with the Disaster Simulation. Test your knowledge in this interactive event!

**11AM-3PM @ Milpitas Yogurtland: Yogurtland Fundraiser**

Tell the cashier you are there for the Red Cross Fundraiser for 20% of proceeds to go to the Red Cross!



**tentative @ RC Chapter: Pillowcase Training**

BATTLE OF THE BAYS

Get certified in teaching the Pillowcase Project, a children disaster preparedness class in partnership with Disney! This is tentatively scheduled but can change based on the schedule of our trainer.



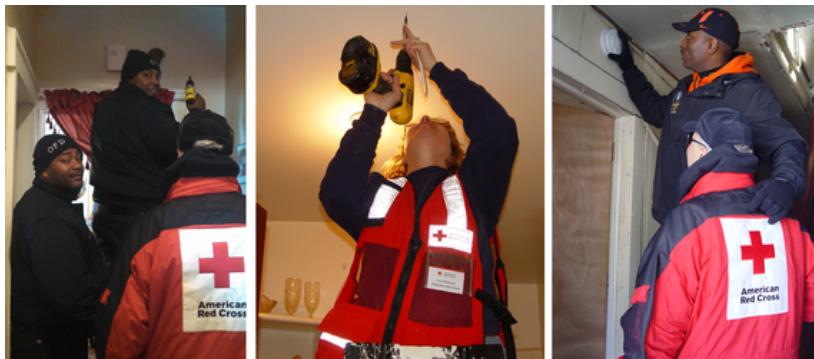


Mar. 18  
DISASTER

**8:30AM-3PM @ Woodbridge Mobile Home Park in San Jose: Home Fire Campaign**

BATTLE OF THE BAYS

Help install fire alarms for low-income households at 3051 Towers Ln, San Jose, CA 95121. You will be closely working with an Americorp and assisting a family in this exciting opportunity!



Mar. 31

**Leadership Development Conference Application Due**

The Leadership Development Center (LDC) is a four-day overnight conference designed by youth for youth that provides learning experiences focused on leadership development, community involvement, and disaster preparedness. Delegates will become trained community disaster educators and learn how to start and effectively run a Red Cross Club. Additionally, delegates will gain experience in team-building, public speaking, diversity training, CPR/First Aid, disaster and emergency preparedness, and international humanitarian law. No previous Red Cross experience is required to apply. The application is at [tinyurl.com/rc17ldc](http://tinyurl.com/rc17ldc).

Apr. 1

**8AM-5PM @ RC Chapter: Community Art Project**

You are invited to create a piece of artwork, inspired by Red Cross themes, to be displayed at the Red Cross Silicon Valley Chapter. Have your artistic talents recognized by your community and have the opportunity to receive awards and prizes for your unique piece of artwork. Registration is at [tinyurl.com/svrcart](http://tinyurl.com/svrcart) and flyer below!

Apr. 15  
INTERNATIONAL

**12-3PM @ RC Chapter: Refugee Simulation**

Learn about the difficulties refugees experience when they move to a new country by participating in a hands-on simulation hosted by the International Services Committee! Ask refugees about their experiences and go home a little more educated about the refugee crisis. There will be food, fun, and service hours!



American  
Red Cross

## Community Art Project

Submit entry by April 1, 2017

Create artwork for American Red Cross!



Submit your artwork to:  
Silicon Valley Chapter  
2731 N. First Street  
San Jose, CA 95134

Create a piece of artwork for your local community Red Cross chapter! Have your artistic talents recognized by your local community and have the opportunity to receive awards and prizes for your unique piece of artwork.

Members of the community are invited to create a piece of artwork, inspired by Red Cross themes, which will be displayed at the Red Cross Silicon Valley Chapter in San Jose. To have your artwork displayed at our center, please register and follow additional guidelines through the following link: <http://bit.ly/redcrosscommunityart>. Have fun and get creative!



Artists and guests are invited to attend a Ceremony and Reception.



Top 3 artists will be recognized at our annual Heroes Event on 9/28.



Participants can receive personal feedback from local artists.



Artists will be presented with awards and prizes for their artwork.



Exceptional artists will receive the Best of Show prize and award.



Artists will receive lasting recognition through a name plate.

Please contact Sydney Lorek at [sydney.lorek@redcross.org](mailto:sydney.lorek@redcross.org) or (408) 857-8591 with any questions or concerns. This project would not be possible without your support. For inspiration, please refer to the following sources:

Red Cross | <http://www.redcross.org/about-us>

Flickr | <https://www.flickr.com/photos/siliconvalley-redcross/>

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# OPERATION CARE AND COMFORT

## SERVICE TO THE ARMED FORCES



### ABOUT OP CARE & COMFORT

Operation Care and Comfort provides support and comfort to "adopted" units or deployed US military service members, serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflict regions. They work with Red Cross Youth's Service to the Armed Forces committee and through donations, send care packages every month until units come back.

### DONATIONS

There will be boxes at the **San Jose Red Cross Chapter** to collect donated items. The items will go to Operation Care and Comfort and the VA in Palo Alto (a veterans' hospital). Operation Care and Comfort at Red Cross will run until **April 30th!**

### CARE PACKAGE ITEMS

- new to gently used paperback books
- hotel/travel sized deodorant
- shampoo, lotion, lip balm
- toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, dental floss
- hair bands, clips, bobby pins
- tampons, maxi and mini pads
- oil free face cleaner
- makeup remover, nail kits, mascara, makeup
- small kleenex packets, small hand sanitizers, band aids
- sunscreen
- new socks

All hygiene items should be new.





## Youth Volunteer Program Palo Alto VA

SAF

Palo Alto Veterans' Affairs Hospital have a summer opportunity for students age 14 or over to volunteer a minimum 100 hours between 6/12-8/28/17. The application are open from 3/1 until all positions have been filled. The leaflet with the above and more is [here](#) and the application is [http://www.paloalto.va.gov/docs/volunteer\\_application\\_packet.pdf](http://www.paloalto.va.gov/docs/volunteer_application_packet.pdf). For more information, visit <http://www.paloalto.va.gov/giving/>.



Contact us and  
stay updated!



[fb.me/arcsvyouth](http://fb.me/arcsvyouth)



[instagr.am/arcsvyouth](http://instagr.am/arcsvyouth)

For questions about these events, contact its respective committee coordinators (emails on pg. 10)!

Even if you aren't a member of a committee, contact the coordinator and you will likely be able to attend and join! All chapter events count for Volunteer Connection hours and are a great opportunity to work on certain subjects that help the community.

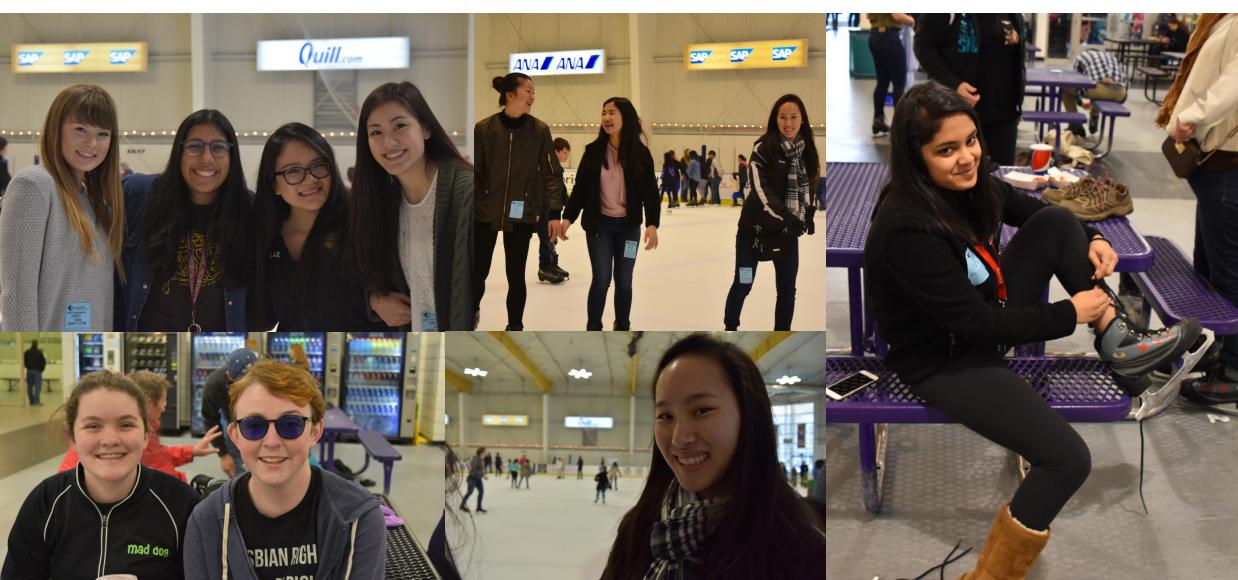


RECAP  
**RED CROSS  
WEEKEND**  
feb. 25 - 26

IHL SEMINAR



ICE SKATING



pc: Abha P. full album [here](#)



# BATTLE OF THE EAST WEST BAYS SILICON VALLEY

This March, compete against East and West Bay youth volunteers for the most hours...

For every few hours you earn, you will receive a Silicon Valley badge on your profile picture! There are badges for 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, and 15 hours to earn, so check [tinyurl.com/rcbadges](http://tinyurl.com/rcbadges) to receive your newest badge (and to learn more about badges and Battle of the Bays).

**Get Your Badge!**

Let's bring Silicon Valley to first in 2017's  
Battle of the Bays!



# CREATING A VOLUNTEER CONNECTION ACCOUNT

## Red Cross Club Volunteer Application For Youth (<18 years of age)

**Step 1:** Complete your volunteer application online and create your Volunteer Connection login. Once you submit an application, you will receive an email with a link to activate your Volunteer Connection account. This link will direct you to your Volunteer Connection homepage that contains the list of next steps to complete your volunteer application.

Click on the link below to start the application process:

[https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=intake&entry\\_point\\_id=199&unit\\_id=155&logout=1](https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=intake&entry_point_id=199&unit_id=155&logout=1)

**Step 2:** Login in to [www.volunteerconnection.org](http://www.volunteerconnection.org) to download the parent consent forms and submit the forms by scanning and email to [youthservicessvc@redcross.org](mailto:youthservicessvc@redcross.org) or mail to 2731 North First Street, San Jose 95134. If sending by email, please title the subject line in this format:

"Club Member Application: Last Name, First Name, School".

If sending by mail, please write your school name on the top of the forms.

**Step 3:** Start getting involved and signing up for events that you are interested in!

# VOLUNTEER CONNECTION: SINGLE-SIGN ON

The Northern California Coastal Region is introducing a new single sign-on (SSO) project between <http://www.redcross.org/> and Volunteer Connection that will enable volunteers to use a single login to access both systems while eliminating the need for separate usernames and passwords. All volunteers have received a system-generated email with the subject line "Action Required: Important Changes to Your Volunteer Connection Login" with a unique authentication link to create your SSO log-in.

Please remember to complete your SSO if you have not done so already!

The entire process takes about 1-2 minutes. For questions, email [arcsv.vc@gmail.com](mailto:arcsv.vc@gmail.com).



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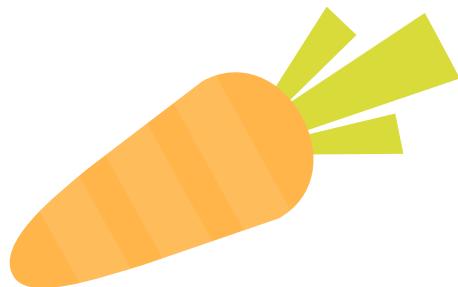
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# JOKE OF THE MONTH

ANSWER:

A CARROT!



Email the coordinators to join  
a committee today!

read more about committees in the 10.9.16 newsletter!

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